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Monday, Dec. 13	140,420	10,434	463	120	165,818	6.72%	60.71%



**MACK CORE** This conceptual drawing shows a bird's-eye view of how the McKinleyville Town Center may be developed. The white structures are existing buildings. The brown structures are conceptual.  
VIA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Choices beset McK Town Center

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – When creating development rules for its Town Center, McKinleyville faces a series of dilemmas.

Many residents who have participated in the process have said they want to maximize the amount of open space in the Town Center, but too much open space could make it economically unfeasible for a developer to turn a profit, thereby killing the whole idea of creating a focal point for the unincorporated community.

Another problem is the specificity of the rules for development. If the development rules for the Town Center are too vague, the community may not get what it wants when the area is eventually developed. But if the building rules are too strict, they may prevent future projects from being built, in part because exactly what some of those projects will be is unknown at this time.

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) grappled with these dilemmas when it reviewed draft Town Center ordinance language and maps at a Dec. 8 meeting that lasted more than three hours.

### 'Staying out of the weeds'

Much of the focus of the meeting was how the draft language and maps would shape the undeveloped portion of the Town Center behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center and south of Hiller Road. Most of that property is owned by the Pierson Family.

One map created during the planning process includes a series of specific zones for the property, each indicating what uses are allowed.

TOWN CENTER ♦ PAGE 5

## Draft Gateway Plan to map development

After enviro studies, more hearings, would be finalized, adopted late 2022

Kevin L. Hoover

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – With Arcata under intensifying population, housing and development pressure, the City of Arcata sees 138 acres of land west of downtown as an opportunity to absorb a helpful measure of that growth while retaining Arcata livability values.

### ♦ Draft Gateway Area Plan summary, FAQ, Pages 6 & 7

Last week, the city unveiled its *Draft Gateway Area Plan 2022*, a 105-page consolidation of nearly five years of preliminary imagining, scoping and planning. Prepared by Planwest Partners for the city, the draft sets forth a package of

GATEWAY ♦ PAGE 6



**DRAWING A CROWD** Despite the rain, a Saturday walking tour of the southern Gateway Area led by Community Development Director David Loya brought a couple of dozen attendees. KLH | UNION

## Supes debate validity of COVID comment

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – As the pandemic drags on, public health messaging is increasingly challenged and Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors has discussed whether it has a responsibility to combat "misinformation."

The integrity of public comment on COVID-19 was questioned as supervisors fielded more of it at their December 7 meeting. Recent public comment sessions have included numerous claims about effectiveness of measures like mask-wearing and vaccination, and arguments against restrictions.

That was seen again as supervisors fielded a COVID-19 update.

After several commenters questioned the validity of public health emergency orders, Fortuna physician Dr. Stephanie Dittmer,



Dr. Stephanie Dittmer

who is a member of the Humboldt-Del Norte Medical Society's governing board, described the commentary as "egregious" and implored supervisors to control it.

"Allowing the misinformation that is being spewed in the way that I'm observing here and that the medical society has been observing over the last year is really disconcerting and there needs to be an

COVID ♦ PAGE 10

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Sidewalk Improvements  
Project work underway

CITY OF ARCATA  
ARCATA – Construction for the City of Arcata’s 2021 Sidewalk Improvements Project began Monday, Dec. 13. The city has contracted with RAO Construction for this project, and work involves removing and installing new sidewalks, installing sidewalk-accessible ramps and making drainage improvements at 11th, O and P streets, 13th and J streets, Seventh and F streets and at Center and A streets. Construction work began on Center Street and A Street, and additional work will take place throughout the project area for approximately five to six weeks thereafter, weather permitting. Portions of the work will require temporary lane closures, and traffic control devices and flaggers will be in place to help mitigate disruptions in the roadway. Traffic delays are expected to be minimal, and members of the community are encouraged to follow all safety directions and use alternate routes if possible. Construction will take place Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on some days the contractor may extend work hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The project is currently estimated to be completed by the end of May 2022, and more information will be provided as it becomes available. For more information about this project, please contact RAO Construction at (707) 443-2118 or the Building & Engineering Department at (707) 825-2175. For more updates on City construction progress and project plans, please visit [cityofarcata.org](http://cityofarcata.org).

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**ACROSS**

- Men
- Lawyers' assn.
- Sad notice, for short
- Boor
- Talks wildly
- Diminish gradually
- Arrow poison
- Misbehave
- Up to the task
- Shirley Temple garnishes
- 100 sen
- Homer Simpson's comment
- Put one's arms around
- Primitive transport
- Ending for nectar or serpent
- Stopping place
- "\_\_ NBC"; newsmagazine series
- Transportation system
- First lady's man
- River mouth feature
- Greek letters
- Earhart or Lindbergh
- Distinct; unrelated
- Appears unsteady
- Group bath
- San Luis \_\_; California mission
- First responders, often
- Common contraction
- Word with coat or cock
- Heavy machinery
- Mr. Johnson
- Boredom
- Helping hand
- Commits perjury
- Like tough stains
- Empty space
- Football positions
- S. A. nation
- Within: pref.

**DOWN**

- Like Jack Sprat
- Scottish island
- One who is full of regrets
- Place
- Spider or tick
- One whose middle name was Sebastian
- Playful act
- "Death \_\_ Salesman"
- Parent's substitute
- Loafing
- Young person
- Game fishes
- Make \_\_ of; ridicule
- Dirt
- Common place for a tear
- Texas rancher's concern
- Adjust
- Maugham heroine Thompson
- Brought to an impasse
- Direction from NM to NY
- Deliver a talk
- Given to prying
- Become impassioned
- Days of yore
- "...the season to be..."
- Being ambitious
- Koppel and Kennedy
- Marcus Porcius \_\_
- Ceremonies
- Setting
- Elves' boss
- One in bondage
- Lacking vivid color
- "\_\_ go brag!"
- Famous name in nature study
- MGM's mascot
- Make manuscript changes
- Change the decor
- Tee's forerunner

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**ECO BRIEFS**

**BEGINNING BIRDWATCHING** Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for Beginning Birdwatching & Project FeederWatch at the Jacoby Creek School Garden just north of Jacoby Creek School in Bayside on Saturday, Dec. 18. Drop-in anytime between 10 a.m. to noon, every third Saturday through April 9, 2022. Everyone is welcome to come watch and learn about birds in an informal, family-friendly setting. Please visit [rras.org](http://rras.org) for COVID-19 participation guidelines. For more information, contact Denise Seeger at [daseeger@gmail.com](mailto:daseeger@gmail.com).

**EUREKA WATERFRONT** Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 9 to 11 a.m., with leader Ralph Bucher. The Eureka waterfront regularly provides up-close views of osprey, loons, grebes, gulls, and many species of shorebird and this trip can be a great reminder that even the more developed areas of Humboldt have an incredible bird diversity. Please visit [rras.org](http://rras.org) for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Let us know you plan to attend by text/messaging Ralph Bucher at (707) 499-1247, or email [thebook@reninet.com](mailto:thebook@reninet.com) with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant.

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Monday, Dec. 6	.35	07.26	03.07	08.71
Tuesday, Dec. 7	.02	07.28	03.07	08.97
Wednesday, Dec. 8	.05	07.33	03.07	09.23
Thursday, Dec. 9	.00	07.33	03.10	09.49
Friday, Dec. 10	.00	07.33	03.10	09.75
Saturday, Dec. 11	.56	07.89	03.24	10.00

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A&MRTS actualiza rutas  
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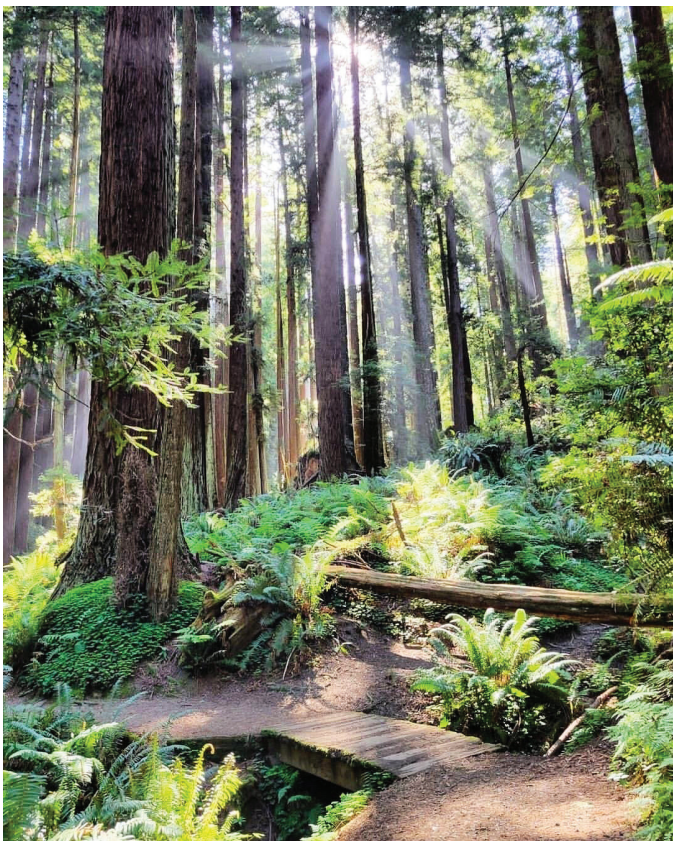
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The late Charles Haddock painted *Night Watch*, a night time view of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse with the pier in the distance, in 1995.

His widow, Donna Haddock, presented the acrylic and chalk painting to the Trinidad Civic Club this fall. It is on perma-

nent view in the Club Room, Town Hall.

The ethereal view of the heavens is a poignant reminder to remember beloved Trinidad figures who have died recently: Charles Haddock, Athleen Baker, Nick Frank, Bob Hallmark, Dean Heyenga, Betty Nicklas and Lindgren among

them. Rest in peace.

### December birthdays

With Christmas coming, and knowing that people born in December frequently have Christmas and birthday celebrations combined and hence do not receive special recognition, this is a chance to wish our neighbors and friends, Gabriel Adams, Mary O'Reilly, Joey Wauters, Jim Webb, Beverly Zeman and Marge O'Brien, a very happy December birthday.

### Wellness wishes

Other Trinidadians need our best wishes for a return to wellness, among them Virginia Waters, Bob Lake, Michelle McHenry, Marilyn Cargill, Judy Smith and Joan Baker (moved to Cloverdale



**ON DISPLAY AT TOWN HALL** *Night Watch*, acrylic and chalk, created by Charles Haddock in 1995, is now in display at Trinidad Town Hall.

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Town Center | Alternate plan

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able. There is a core area with multi-story buildings, mixed-use areas and residential areas with green space, trails, bike paths and protected wetlands.

“This fragmented zoning is a big, big problem,” Greg Pierson, who manages the property, told the McKMAC.

The problem is that it’s unknown what tenants may want to locate in the area and what their needs may be.

“If the goal is to have a town center, it needs to be as flexible as possible,” Greg Pierson said.

McKMAC member Kevin Jenkins agreed.

“That’s been a struggle of the whole process – staying out of the weeds,” Jenkins said. “I like the idea of stepping back.”

McKMAC member Bonnie Oliver said she is not opposed to simplifying the ordinance, but she doesn’t want to lose the goal of making the Town Center a pedestrian friendly gathering place.

Humboldt County Planning Director John Ford reassured the committee that making the ordinance more flexible wouldn’t necessarily alter the committee’s vision.

“We in no way want to retreat from the progress that we’ve made,” Ford said.

‘Planning for future needs’

McKMAC member Kevin Dreyer reminded the committee how the maps came about. The committee, which has been working for more than two years on a Town Center Ordinance, was crafting ideas and standards for how its members want to see the area developed. At one point, the county hired architect Kash Boodjeh to draw up maps to show the committee how its ideas might look on paper.

Dreyer said the maps were intended to be visuals to assist the committee with its discussions.

“I do agree that having this super detailed, granular map is too much to contend with unless it’s couched as being a sketch or something,” Dreyer said.

Dreyer also responded to input the committee has received suggesting that additional commercial space is not needed in McKinleyville given the vacant buildings at the McKinleyville Shopping Center and, outside the Town Center, the Mill Creek Marketplace.

“We are planning for future needs, not what the needs are today,” Dreyer said.

‘Juggle all these things’

McKinleyville Shopping Center owner Anne Pierson commended Ford for his work on the Town Center Ordinance.

“I just wanted to say that I’ve gained a greater appreciation of John Ford’s position in all of this to try to find a balance between me as the property owner, Greg [Pierson] as a developer, housing needs of the county, needs for open space, honoring what are obviously wetlands on the land, having a town center, trying to juggle all of these things, get everybody happy,” Pierson said. “It’s a major, major task.”

Ford said the credit should go to planners Michael Richardson and John Miller, who have done the “heavy lifting.”

Three hours and 18 minutes later

The committee went though the draft ordinance line by line, making edits and discussing issues along the way, but after more than three hours, McKMAC Chair Maya Conrad the work would have to continue at a future meeting. There was a brief discussion about having a McKMAC subcommittee work on the ordinance language in an effort to speed up the process.

Ford said that to keep the process transparent and keep the public involved, the committee should continue with the process as it has been doing.

“I’d like to say there is a short cut, but I don’t think there is,” Ford said.

The committee will continue reviewing the ordinance at its meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Jan. 26. The meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held remotely on Zoom.

Alternate plan

Last week, a group called the McKinleyville Organizing Committee released its own version of a Town Center Plan. That plan was crafted by group members Bonnie MacGregor, Harriet Hill, Joyce King, Catherine Hanafi, Kate McClain, Kelley Garrett and Deborah Hubbard, according to MacGregor.

The alternate plan calls for most of the land owned by the Pierson Family behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center to be retained as open space. The area would be a 40-acre park, with trails, protected wetlands, picnic areas and other amenities including native plant gardens and an-air fairgrounds.

The proposal doesn’t indicate how the land owner would be compensated for donating 40 acres for a community park, but suggests that the wetlands may be monetized.

“Wetland improvements and restoration can be monetized to provide wetland mitigation bank credits, meanwhile enriching biodiversity and creating recreational opportunities. Other economic benefits include increased tourism, and the benefits of immediately accessible natural area for shoppers, office & retail workers, apartment residents, and surrounding neighborhoods, for relaxation/refreshment/aesthetic enjoyment. Park includes nature trails, picnic grounds and a connector section of mid-town trail linking existing trail sections. Other amenities such as a campground, native plant gardens, and open-air fairgrounds could also be considered,” the plan states.

A 12.5-acre chunk of land between the shopping center and Railroad Drive, including the former ball fields, would be set aside for 200 units of low-income housing.

The commercial core would be the existing McKinleyville Shopping Center, which the MOC says should be redeveloped so it is “village-like” and includes a cultural center, transit center and “other public facilities including pop-up business infrastructure.”

The document includes commentary on the county’s Town Center plan.

“The McKinleyville Town Center Masterplan is the people’s plan; taxpayers are paying for it. It’s not the county’s, it’s not the Pierson’s. The MMAC is charged to act as our voice, not to make our decisions,” the document states.

The alternate plan and other documents can be viewed at [humboldtgov.org/2564/McKinleyville-Town-Center-Master-Plan](http://humboldtgov.org/2564/McKinleyville-Town-Center-Master-Plan).

McKMAC agendas and related documents can be found at [humboldtgov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committt](http://humboldtgov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committt).

MCSD gets \$2.3 million state grant to build new BMX track



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Blue Lake gets \$585K grant for new town square

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BLUE LAKE – The City of Blue Lake will receive a \$585,000 state grant to create a Blue Lake Town Square.

California State Parks announced the grant award on its website on Dec. 8. The money is coming to the City of Blue Lake through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program.

The State Parks website’s description of the project states “Create the Blue Lake Town Square Park in the City of Blue Lake. Acquire approximately .20 acres. Construct a new splash pad, plaza, shade structure, restroom, and lighting and landscaping throughout the park.”

Storytellers, horses and holidays in BL

Janine Volkmar  
MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE – *Riddle:* Why is a horse a good storyteller? *Answer:* Because it has a tale.

The Blue Lake Saddle Club thinks so, too.

On Sunday, Dec. 19 storytellers (each accompanied by a real live horse) will line up on the Blue Lake Museum strip for a magical celebration of horses and holidays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Hosts will guide groups of children and adults to each storytelling station and then on to the City Hall parking lot where food, libations and crafts will be available for sale. A fire pit will be a warm gathering place there and Santa will be warming his toes there too.

Each storyteller will have a gift for each of the first hundred children.

Stories can be fictional, fantasy, or real-life, according to Darcy Lima, a member of the Saddle Club.

“This year my story will be about the librarians on horseback who took books into the hollers of Kentucky,” Lima said.

This was a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project in the 1930s. In previous years Lima has told the story of SeaBiscuit and an excerpt from *The Land*

of the Grasshopper Song.

“The women in *Land of the Grasshopper Song* rode mules,”she explained, “which was appropriate since I brought my mule, Annie.”

Lima helped create the Saddle Club and was president for five years.

“The Saddle Club was put together to support the Blue Lake Arena, probably the last free arena in the state,” she said. The club maintains the footing.

Craft vendors, food vendors and Santa Claus will be in the city hall parking lot starting around 3 p.m. Food vendors include Taqueria La Barca, Barbecue Bill’s Low and Slow specialties, desserts from Arcata Bottom 4H Club, baked goods and hot drinks from the eighth grade class at Blue Lake School. Beer and mulled wine will also be on sale.

“We’ve bumped it up to be a great place to wait,” Lima said, “as each group must have a host to go down the storytelling line.” That way, nobody will miss the beginning or the end of the story. Or the mane point, oops, sorry for the horse pun.

The Blue Lake Saddle Club welcomes the whole family to “listen to stories that celebrate the magic of horses and the lessons they teach us.”

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# Gateway | Plans evolving

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values and guidelines for possible use in the development of the Gateway Area – so called because K Street serves as a major entrance to central Arcata.

The draft will be discussed by the City Council this week, and by other city committees and a range of other interested and affected parties in months to come. Those meetings and an Environmental Impact Report will be shaped by further public comment and community design, with a final Gateway Area Plan to be adopted in about a year’s time.

Best viewed in color, the draft plan is available at City Hall, via the Arcata Playhouse, at the Arcata Branch Library and at [cityofarcata.org](#).

The Gateway Area is one of Arcata’s major remaining underdeveloped areas, and is described in the draft plan’s “People’s Summary” (see below) as “an optimal location for residential and mixed-use development.”

The plan foresees up to 3,500 new living units in the Gateway, mostly consisting of new high-density mixed-use multi-story buildings. The plan envisions retail, personal services, restaurants, professional offices, arts and entertainment uses, and light manufacturing. States the plan, “non-residential uses serve residents, provide employment opportunities, and enhance the City’s economic vitality.”

Many of the quality-of-life components in the Gateway Area are to be implemented by those who would build in the area. A new “community benefits program” would allow developers to build bigger based on amenities they

offer with their project. These, as described in the plan, could include electric vehicle charging stations, street trees, murals, on-site bike parking, rooftop solar, enhanced architectural features, daylighted creeks and more.

**Meetings and misapprehensions**

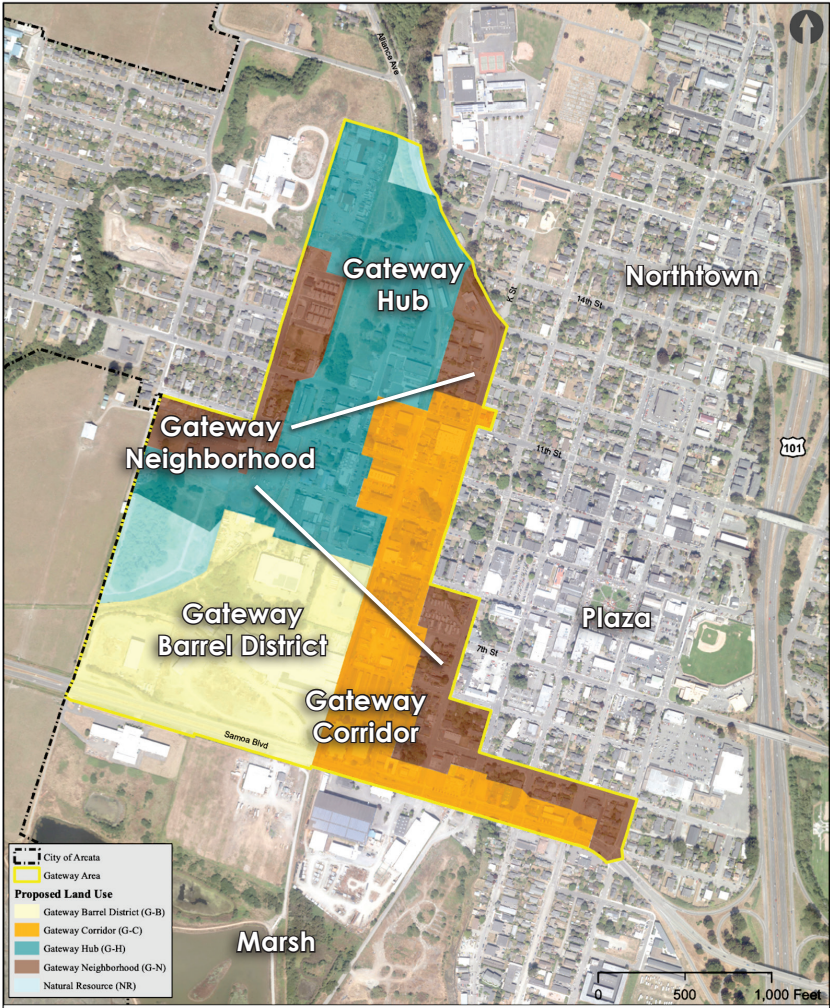
With the release of the draft plan, public discussion has ramped up. Last week saw a non-governmental community meeting at the Arcata Playhouse, a Zoom meeting hosted by the city and a city-hosted Saturday walking tour. This week, the draft plan goes before the Planning Commission, City Council and Historic Landmarks Committee.

Last week’s public meetings – which follow dozens of others that helped develop the draft plan – revealed just how far the city has to go in informing the public.

Major points of misunderstanding were plentiful, particularly at the Arcata Playhouse meeting, where rumors were stated as fact and only rarely challenged as plan skeptics sought to find a footing for their opposition.

Major misapprehensions aired at the meeting, and the factchecks include:

- *The city is “quick-pushing” approval of the draft plan.*
- In the works for nearly five years the draft plan is another milestone in the multi-year process. It is not being “adopted,” but reviewed as a basis for further modification during the community design process, which continues through 2022.
- *The EIR should be completed before the draft plan.*
- The EIR is costing the city more than \$222,000. Community Development



Left, the Gateway Area and its neighborhoods. Below, condensed descriptions from the draft plan.

- **Gateway Barrel District (G-B)** The G-B district (about 35 acres) provides a high-density, walkable residential campus on the former California Barrel Factory site and neighboring former industrial sites. Roads are few. Building and site design supports a pedestrian-friendly public realm compatible with the internal high-density residential character of the District. While land uses include retail, office, personal service, restaurant, and light manufacturing uses, the District is primarily residential. The G-B district allows building heights up to eight stories for development providing community benefits.
- **Gateway Hub (G-H)** The G-C district is a vibrant, high-intensity mixed-use area allowing for a broad, walkable range of residential, retail, office, personal service, restaurant, entertainment, light manufacturing and other similar uses. The G-C district allows building heights up to seven stories for development providing community benefits.
- **Gateway Corridor (G-C)** The G-C district is a linear area along Samoa Boulevard, L Street, and K Street, each of which serve as major bicycle and vehicular gateways into the City. This encourages drivers to park and walk. Overall allowed uses include residential, retail, office, personal service, restaurant, entertainment, light manufacturing, and other similar uses. The G-C district allows building heights up to six stories for development providing community benefits.
- **Gateway Neighborhood (G-N)** The G-N district provides a transition from the high-intensity G-C district to lower intensity residential uses outside of the Gateway Plan Area. Allowed land uses include residential, retail, office, personal service, restaurant, light manufacturing and other similar uses. The G-C district allows building heights up to five stories for development providing community benefits. Building and site design supports a pedestrian-friendly public realm compatible with the residential surrounding areas.

IMAGE VIA DRAFT GATEWAY PLAN

## The Gateway Plan at a glance | To grow opportunity and build community equitably

*Note: The following outline is from the draft Gateway Area Plan, which is available at [cityofarcata.org](#). – Ed.*

**CITY OF ARCATA**

**OVERVIEW**

The Arcata Gateway Area is a dense residential and mixed-use neighborhood that reflects the community’s commitment to equity and sustainability.

**RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

The Gateway Area fulfills Arcata’s aspiration to be an equitable community providing the same high quality of life and equitable housing/employment options to everyone, regardless of skin color, economic standing, or national origin.

**EQUITABLE HOUSING**

The Gateway Area provides a substantial solution to the City’s unmet and future housing needs, with thousands of housing units that are environmentally sustainable and affordable to people in all income ranges. Residents live within a broad range of housing densities and types, including rental and owner-occupied options, in a vibrant, walkable, near-downtown neighborhood.

**ARTS, CULTURE, AND SENSE OF PLACE**

Vibrant, authentic, and diverse public art and performing art spaces complement a distinctive and attractive sense of place that is built through creative placemaking. Artist and entrepreneurs prosper.

**OPEN SPACES**

A connected series of green spaces, trails, protected greenbelts, and daylighted creeks provide pockets of active and passive recreational opportunities complement the Gateway Area’s urban environment and welcome the entire community. Concentrating residential development in the Gateway Area also preserves the cherished greenbelts around the perimeter of the City by reducing the need and demand for sprawl.

**SUSTAINABILITY and CLIMATE ADAPTATION**

The Gateway Area furthers the Community’s focus on sustainability with enhanced natural resources lands, greener street-

scapes, rehabilitated coastal resources, and a range of strategies to reduce energy use, greenhouse gases, and vehicle miles traveled.

**ECONOMY AND JOBS**

Offering a good housing supply that is within walking distance of the core Downtown, the Gateway Area expands the City’s vibrancy by increasing economic growth and stability of downtown Arcata. Being within walking distance of Humboldt State University, the Gateway Area also supports the growth of students and jobs at the University. Simultaneously, the Gateway Area also provides some neighborhood commercial uses where people gather and socialize, as well as a few pedestrian-oriented commercial corridors.

**MOBILITY AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION**

A realigned roadway network offers more efficient vehicular circulation, while simultaneously providing more extensive bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities. The transportation needs of residents can be fully met via pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that connects seamlessly to key destinations throughout the City to allow truly car-free lifestyles.

**BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ARCHITECTURE**

While new development is taller and denser than has occurred in past decades, new buildings reflect the architectural values, livability, and aesthetic expectations of the community.

## ‘The People’s Summary’ of the draft Gateway Area Plan

*Note: The following is the preface from the draft Gateway Area Plan, which is available at [cityofarcata.org](#). – Ed.*

**CITY OF ARCATA**

The Gateway Area (as defined in the next section) is an optimal location for residential and mixed-use development. The Area is within easy walking distance to the core Downtown, Arcata High School, and Humboldt State University (soon to be Cal Poly Humboldt). A paved Class I bike trail passes through the heart of the Area, connecting the northern half of the City to the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife sanctuary. The Area is also a bustling business hub, as well as a vibrant arts and culture node. Yet, at the time of this Plan’s adoption in 2022 the Area is underutilized with pockets of blighted properties despite all its inherent assets. Legacy uses such as mini-storage and natural gas distribution centers consume entire City blocks and many developable sites sit vacant despite the Area’s remarkably strategic location. This Plan envisions a revitalized Gateway Area that achieves its potential and better serves the people of Arcata, largely by providing substantial residential growth in complete neighborhoods that provide a range of community amenities.

Given the Gateway Area’s incredible potential and optimal location, coupled with the massively unfulfilled demand for housing in Arcata, this Plan allows for residential growth of up to 3,500 new residential units in the Gateway. To accommodate this much growth within a relatively small area, new housing will be provided primarily through new high-density mixed-use multi-story buildings. Consistent with the City’s values, that growth will be equitable and environmentally sustainable. While the majority of new development will be residential, this is a mixed-use part of town that supports a car-free lifestyle by providing shops, cafes, and jobs within walking distance of homes.

Non-residential land uses include retail, personal services, restaurants, professional offices, arts and entertainment uses, and light manufacturing. Non-residential uses serve residents, provide employment opportunities, and enhance the City’s economic vitality. The Area is also a vibrant hub for arts and culture. For more on these topics, see Chapter 1: Land Use.

This Plan presents a new “community benefits program” that utilizes a system of tiered incentives in which projects that provide higher levels of community benefits are permitted greater building heights, increased residential density, and streamlined approval processes. Thus, a proposed development project that includes electric vehicle charging stations, street trees, murals, on-site bike parking, rooftop solar, enhanced architectural features, or other defined community amenities can be larger than a building without those features. Given the need for housing at all income levels, this Plan considers the production of housing, in and of itself, to be a community benefit. So too are Projects that provide projects that daylight creeks, enhance the vibrancy of City streets, minimize sprawl by higher levels of community contributing to a strong bike and bus networks, or improve the quality of life for community benefits are permitted members in other ways. While the Plan provides many core amenities throughout the greater intensities. Gateway Area, the incentives program encourages developers to provide additional amenities. For more details regarding Community Amenities, see Chapter 2.

Multiple strategies are baked into this Plan to make housing in the Gateway Area affordable to the full range of Arcatan household incomes. This includes promoting a range of residential unit sizes and types, including studios, which are affordable because of their size, student housing,

deed-restricted affordable housing, single room occupancies, and family-sized dwellings with three or more bedrooms. As a result, the Gateway Area is a mixed-income neighborhood, with housing options available for all income groups, ranging from 200 square foot deed-restricted micro-units to luxury condominiums for high-income households. To these ends, residential density and various forms of affordable housing are considered community amenities that qualify for the community benefits program. For more on housing, see Chapter 3.

Equitable, sustainable, and efficient mobility systems are highly valued in Arcata. Thus, this Plan also prepares for a substantially realigned transportation network that significantly enhances bicycle and pedestrian facilities while also creating a more efficient vehicular circulation pattern. Fulfilling the “Gateway” name, the Plan’s newly configured circulation network provides much improved mobility, with better north-south and east-west connections. Once implemented, the Gateway will seamlessly link the Gateway Area to the Plaza. Traveling north from Samoa Boulevard to Alliance Avenue will be much more fluid and enjoyable, especially for bicycles and pedestrians. The comprehensive update to the mobility infrastructure may require a reconfiguration of the cherished Class I trail on L Street, and a new supplemental Class I trail is also planned. This is all detailed in Chapters 7 and 8 (Mobility and Streetscape).

A driving motivation in the new mobility infrastructure is to ensure the Gateway Area supports a car-free lifestyle. This is accomplished in part by planning for non-motorized connectivity to other parts of the City with pedestrian and bicycle-friendly corridors that draw residents and visitors to enter the Gateway via means other than motorized vehicles. A large part

of promoting a car-free lifestyle is providing safe and attractive pedestrian friendly walking routes that focus on safety and aesthetics by incorporating art and street lighting. Off-street parking is de-emphasized in support of more valuable uses of land, while the streetscape prioritizes human activity and movement. Where viable, sidewalk widening strategies create unobstructed accessible pedestrian pathways. Providing adequate bike infrastructure, including secure parking at destinations will ensure usage meets the goals of a car-free lifestyle. In pursuit of these values, development projects that enhance active transportation are considered community amenities that qualify for the community benefits program.

The process of preparing this document included extensive community engagement to identify the concerns and aspirations of existing and prospective residents and workers. The City hosted over 25 public engagement activities and events throughout Plan development. The City also conducted detailed analyses of real estate market conditions and demands. For more on public engagement activities, see the Introduction Section, which also provides a summary of administrative topics, such as defining the regulatory authority of this document. The Challenges and Opportunities section provides a detailed analysis of the factors that may hinder realization of this Plan. The Vision section provides a detailed preview of the Plan’s guiding principles and some visualizations of how the Gateway Area may look in the future. The remaining sections (Chapters 1 through 11) provide topic-specific strategies and policies ranging from Land Use and Employment to Historic Resources and Mobility. The final section provides a summary of the implementation measures designed to ensure this Plan is achieved.



# Frequently Answered Questions on the Gateway Area Plan

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
Q: WHERE CAN I FIND RELIABLE INFORMATION ON THIS TOPIC?  
A: The best source of information about the plan is the Draft Plan itself, which can be found here: [cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/11545/Gateway-District-Area-Plan-DRAFT-120121](http://cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/11545/Gateway-District-Area-Plan-DRAFT-120121). Another good source of information is a 60-minute in-depth pre-recorded informational video about the Gateway Area Plan draft, which can be found here: [youtube.com/watch?v=ID4kcWonQ-u](https://youtube.com/watch?v=ID4kcWonQ-u). Additional information can be found here: [cityofarcata.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=412](http://cityofarcata.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=412) and here: [cityofarcata.org/896/Strategic-Infill-Redevelopment-Program](http://cityofarcata.org/896/Strategic-Infill-Redevelopment-Program). To speak with a City Planner about this topic, call (707) 825-2045. Sign up to the City’s email notification list to stay updated on public comment and engagement opportunities by clicking here or here: [cityofarcata.org/list.aspx](http://cityofarcata.org/list.aspx).  
Q: WHAT IS THE TIMELINE OF THIS PLAN FROM THIS POINT FORWARD?  
A: The Area Plan, some modifications to the City’s General Plan, and a CEQA Environmental Impact Report are all scheduled to simultaneously go before the City Council for adoption in December of 2022. Activities between now and then include public engagement (in addition to the extensive public engagement conducted to date), Planning Commission meetings, and environmental analysis.  
Q: WHAT IS AN AREA PLAN?  
A: By nature, a General Plan is typically rather “general” and focuses on the City in a broad sense. An Area Plan is an Element (or Chapter) of the General Plan that provides additional specificity within a target area of the City. An Area Plan provides additional detailed vision, goals, policies, and implementation measures to guide development within the target area.  
Q: WHERE IS THE GATEWAY AREA?  
A: The Gateway Area is a 138-acre location entirely within City limits that is generally north of Samoa Blvd, west of K Street, and south of Alliance Road. A map of the Gateway Area boundary can be found in Figure 1 on page 6 of the Area Plan. See above for a link to the document.  
Q: WHY IS THIS CALLED THE GATEWAY AREA?  
A: For many locals and visitors entering the City from the south and west, the Plan Area is the first impression of the City due to its easy access from Highway 101 via Samoa Boulevard. K Street, a main arterial through and into the City, also offers easy accessibility to many parts of the City including Arcata High School and surrounding residential neighborhoods. Thus, while the area has a lot of room for improvement with regards to general appearance and overall circulation flow, the area currently serves as a de facto “gateway” into the City.  
Q: IS THE GATEWAY AREA IN THE TSUNAMI ZONE?  
A: The short answer is “no.” A very minor portion of the Gateway Area is within the modeled Tsunami Hazard Zone, but that small portion is affected through a culvert under Samoa Blvd and only impacts a very small patch of protected wetlands.  
Q: IS THE GATEWAY AREA PROJECTED TO BE IMPACTED BY SEA LEVEL RISE?  
A: The Gateway Area is not modeled to be impacted by rising sea levels until nine feet of sea level rise occurs, which is 80 years into the future at the “Extreme” modeling scenario. Per the “Intermediate High” scenario, the site is not modeled to be impacted by SLR until well after the year 2100. Even then, SLR impacts would only reach very minor areas along the very southern edge of the Gateway Area and then only during high tides. The vast majority of the Gateway Area is well outside of all SLR model predictions, with elevations exceeding 20 feet in most of the district. Note that the SLR projections assume the City will do nothing to address flooding associated with SLR. Accordingly, if the projections prove to occur as modeled, then measures adopted by the City in the future to manage

storm and tidal waters will extend the timelines.  
Q: HOW IS THE GATEWAY AREA DIFFERENT FROM THE CREAMERY DISTRICT?  
A: The Creamery District is a small Arts & Culture hub contained entirely within the Gateway Area. The Gateway Area is substantially larger. The Gateway Area is also regulatory, containing several land use designations (a.k.a. zoning districts) and related development regulations.  
Q: DOES THE GATEWAY PLAN HONOR THE PAST AND ON-GOING WORK OF THE CREAMERY DISTRICT?  
A: Yes. In fact, the Plan indicates that “New and expanded arts and entertainment uses will promote district vitality, generate economic activity, and enhance the quality-of-life for district residents and the community at large.” The Plan incentivizes projects that support the arts, such as murals on building exteriors, art installations in public-facing locations, outdoor stages, and outdoor pedestals for sculptures. The plan also encourages entertainment uses (such as theaters), incentivizes artist housing, encourages outdoor cultural performance spaces, calls for the infrastructure to support temporary events, and other art-related policies. The Creamery District will continue to exist within the Gateway Area and will be supported by a regulatory document that explicitly incentivizes arts and culture and creativity. All of this is intended to make the Creamery District stronger.  
Q: WHY CREATE AN AREA PLAN FOR THE GATEWAY AREA?  
A: In a basic sense, the City Council directed City staff to initiate this plan in late 2019 with the adoption of the recent Housing Element. That document includes Implementation Measure 12, which calls for the creation of a new “Arcata Gateway Specific Area Plan” as well as a “form-based code that allows high density infill development in this area” (the Gateway Area). Also within the adopted Housing Element is Implementation Measure 20, which mandates the creation of the “Arcata Gateway Specific Area Plan, which will include [a] form-based code that allows high density infill development.” The general objective of the Gateway Area Plan is to satisfy this requirement of the Housing Element by focusing housing growth in this strategic infill target area, thereby preserving the natural greenbelt around the City and avoiding sprawl.  
Q: WHAT DOES THE GATEWAY AREA PLAN PROPOSE TO DO?  
A: The vision statement for the Gateway Area is “To Grow Opportunity and Build Community Equitably.” In general, the Area Plan proposes to modify land use designations and development standards within the Gateway Area to stimulate the creation of new buildings, eliminate blight, fill in currently vacant sites, produce much-needed housing, promote the arts, formalize open space, improve bike/pedestrian networks, create new jobs/businesses, and promote racial equity. The Plan prepares for up to 3,500 new residential units within the Gateway Area. Interested parties are encouraged to read the document and/or watch the pre-recorded presentation cited above.  
Q: WILL ALL OF THIS GROWTH HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY? IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS? 20 YEARS?  
A: Such growth is unlikely even in the 20-year timeline. The City’s current General Plan allowed for a total City population of 20,000 people by the year 2,020. Yet, only half of the planned growth actually occurred. Additionally, the majority of the existing zoning districts in the City were established several decades ago and yet some areas are still undeveloped. Zoning changes take a lot of time to stimulate development. It is likely that the vision outlined in the Plan will not be realized for many decades to come. However, the Plan certainly allows for such growth within a 20-year timeline.  
Q: WILL EXISTING BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS BE FORCED TO RELOCATE?

A: No. The vast majority of existing businesses will continue to be permitted under the current plan. Only a very few types of businesses will become legal non-conforming (a.k.a. “grandfathered”), such as mini-storage and natural gas distribution. A proposed regulatory policy of the Plan says the following: “Except for in designated natural resource and open space areas, permit all land use designations in the Plan Area to allow mixed uses to complement residential uses. Ensure that all non-residential mixed-use development supports an active and livable neighborhood, with residential, retail, office, and light manufacturing uses thoughtfully blended together to create a cohesive neighborhood that feels complete. Allow flexibility in non-residential uses, with targeted limitations on uses that do not encourage street level human activity, livability, or neighborhood identity. Examples of uses that do not encourage human activity include heavy industrial uses, mini-storage, and outdoor automotive sales.” The Plan also calls for the promotion of “employment-focused businesses” and “resident-serving commercial businesses.” Thus, existing businesses that meet these criteria (which is nearly of them) are a cherished component of the existing Gateway Area that will continue to be permitted. Those few businesses that consume entire City blocks with low-employment businesses (such as mini-storage) will be encouraged to relocate to other parts of the City, but will continue to be allowed to stay in place for a period of time. Residential uses will be permitted throughout the entire Gateway Area. Thus, existing residential uses and structures will continue to be allowed into the future. The Plan does not call for the relocation of any existing residents.  
Q: DOES THE AREA PLAN PROPOSE TO CHANGE THE ROADWAY, BIKELANE, AND TRAIL SYSTEM WITHIN THE GATEWAY AREA?  
A: Yes. See Policy Chapter 7 of the Gateway Area Plan. One of the primary objectives of the Plan is to provide residents with the opportunity to live a car free lifestyle. The proposed reconfiguration of the circulation system is intended to substantially improve the bicycle and pedestrian network with the district. The plan also incidentally improves vehicular traffic flow.  
Q: WILL THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CIRCULATION SYSTEM MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO GET AROUND? FOR INSTANCE, WILL IT BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO WALK FROM THE PLAZA TO THE CREAMERY BUILDING?  
A: No, quite the opposite. Getting around within the Gateway Area will be substantially easier and safer for all modes of transportation. To address the specific example, walking from the Plaza to the Creamery Building will be notable safer and more pleasant. Crossing K Street at Ninth Street currently requires traversing two opposing lanes of traffic on K Street while simultaneously contending with two perpendicular lanes of traffic on 9th Street that could be turning onto K Street. This totals 32 possible points of conflict that a pedestrian currently needs to consider when crossing the street (northbound, southbound, northbound turning left, northbound turning right, etc). Under the proposed plan, that same intersection would only present four points of conflict to consider (northbound, westbound, northbound turning left, and westbound turning north). In addition, the proposed plan calls for enhanced pedestrian crossing bump outs, which shorten the distance that pedestrians would need to cross the street.  
Q: DOES THE AREA PLAN PROPOSE TO ALTER THE RAIL-WITH-TRAIL THAT GOES THROUGH THE HEART OF THE GATEWAY AREA AND PASSES IN FRONT OF THE CREAMERY BUILDING?  
A: Yes, some minor modifications are proposed. See Policy Chapter 7 of the Gateway Area Plan for a series of maps and graphics that detail the proposed changes. In general, the alignment north of 10th Street is proposed to shift several feet to the west to make space for a single lane of

vehicular traffic. In addition, the trail is proposed to shift several feet to the west along the segment south of Seventh Street to Samoa Blvd, also to make room for a single lane of vehicle traffic. However, the trail will continue to be its current width and will continue to be separated by a vegetated strip along the entire L Street right-of-way. It is also worth noting that a new equivalent trail is proposed to be added along the entire N Street right-of-way from Alliance Ave all the way south to Samoa Blvd, much of which would not be associated with vehicular lanes. This new trail would more than double the total length paved Class I trail within the Gateway Area.  
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Q: DOES THE AREA PLAN PROPOSE TO PRIORITIZE PARKING?  
A: No. Parking is not a listed priority. In line with the existing development pattern of the Core Downtown, the Plan does not seek to stimulate the creation of large parking lots or to generate a strip mall pattern of development. Instead, the City seeks to provide quality on-street parking, such as can be found around the Plaza and along other thriving streets within the City. Off street parking will, however, be encouraged and/or required in the highest density areas of the Barrel District. It is important to note that some on-street parking will need to be eliminated or reduced in some parts of the Gateway Area while new off-street parking is proposed to be added in other parts of the Area. These reconfigurations of on-street parking are designed to accommodate the envisioned circulation improvements.  
Q: DOES THE AREA PLAN PROPOSE TO CHANGE THE ZONING WITHIN THE GATEWAY AREA?  
A: Yes. See Policy Chapter 1 of the Gateway Area Plan. If approved by Council, there will be four new Land Use Designations and corresponding zoning districts.  
Q: DOES THE AREA PLAN PROPOSE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR DEVELOPERS TO BUILD NEW BUILDINGS?  
A: The Plan includes provisions for new development to qualify for a fast-track approval process if projects offer pre-defined “community benefits” (a.k.a. community amenities). For details, see Policy Chapter 2 of the Gateway Area Plan.  
Q: DOES THE PLAN REQUIRE THE DAYLIGHTING OF JOLLY GIANT CREEK?  
A: Plans are already well underway for daylighting and creek restoration north of 11th Street and south of Alliance Ave. However, an analysis indicates that there is very little opportunity for additional creek daylighting in the Gateway Area south of 11th Street. This largely due to the depth of the creek, which requires a very wide daylighting footprint in order to have reasonable creek bank slopes. There are two exceptions. The first exception consists of several minor opportunities for daylighting on private properties. These limited opportunities are few in number and constitute very little in total length of new daylighted creek. In these limited cases, the City is actively exploring incentives and/or requirements to stimulate the little daylighting that is feasible. The second exception is the most substantial opportunity for creek daylighting, which is to eliminate entire street segments along entire City blocks to daylight longer segments of the creek. In a few locations, all of the sidewalks, parking lanes, bike lanes, and vehicular lanes along an entire City block-length could be eliminated to daylight portions of the creek. By using the entire street right-of-way, the newly daylighted creek would have sufficient width for a natural channel with vegetated banks. However, such an undertaking would be remarkably costly, would require the relocation of underground utilities, would be very disruptive to the circulation patterns of all forms of mobility, and could eliminate driveway access for dozens of parcels. The Plan does not currently entertain any such elimination of streets for the purposes of creek daylighting.

Q: WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE GATEWAY AREA PLAN TO THE GENERAL PLAN, HOUSING ELEMENT, ZONING CODE, LAND USE CODE, AND LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM (LCP)?  
A: This question is best answered on pages 9 and 10 of the Draft Area Plan. In the simplest sense, the Gateway Area Plan is an Element (or Chapter) of the General Plan. So too is the Housing Element. The Zoning Code (which is called a “Land Use Code” in Arcata) implements the General Plan and its various Elements. The LCP applies only the Coastal Zone. A portion of the Gateway Area is within the Coastal Zone, so the Gateway Area is regulated by all of these documents. See the Area Plan for two color-coded graphics outlining these complex relationships.  
Q: WHO IS THE APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR AN AREA PLAN?  
A: Since an Area Plan is a part of a General Plan, the City Council is the final approval authority for the Plan. Per State law, the Planning Commission must make a recommendation to City Council regarding the adoption of the Plan, though Council is authorized to go against Planning Commission recommendation. The Area Plan, along with some other modifications to the City’s General Plan, is scheduled to go before the City Council for adoption in December of 2022.  
Q: WILL THIS PROJECT REQUIRE CEQA APPROVAL?  
A: Yes. The City is preparing a CEQA Environmental Impact Report, which is scheduled to go before the City Council for adoption in December of 2022.  
Q: WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I OPPOSE ALL OR PARTS OF THIS PLAN? LIKEWISE, WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUPPORT THE PLAN?  
A: The City highly encourages everyone to participate in public meetings, walking tours, Planning Commission Meetings, and City Council meetings. Review the document and make your voice heard! Speak up during public meetings and during the public comment periods of the Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Also consider submitting written comments during the CEQA process. Information on future public engagement opportunities will be provided as it becomes available. Dates and times of upcoming public meetings can generally be found here: [cityofarcata.org/896/Strategic-Infill-Redevelopment-Program](http://cityofarcata.org/896/Strategic-Infill-Redevelopment-Program). To speak with a City Planner about this topic, call (707) 825-2045. Most important, community members are encouraged to sign up for the Community Development Department’s Long Range Planning & Community Visioning email notification list to stay updated on public comment and engagement opportunities. Sign up by clicking here or here: [cityofarcata.org/list.aspx](http://cityofarcata.org/list.aspx).  
Q: WHY HAVE I NOT HEARD ABOUT THIS PLAN EARLIER?  
A: The City has conducted over 22 public engagement opportunities directly related to the Gateway Area Plan in the year 2021 alone, plus several additional public engagement opportunities associated with the Infill Market Study in 2019 and 2020, as well as dozens of additional meetings for the City’s Housing Element that occurred in 2018 and 2019. Both the Infill Market Study and the Housing Element are directly related to and explicitly called for the development of the Gateway Area Plan. If you are just now hearing about the Gateway Area Plan for the first time, the City welcomes you to the ongoing conversation and invites you to participate, comment, and influence the content and vision of the Plan. The Plan is scheduled to go before the City Council for adoption in December of 2022, so there is still plenty of time to participate. See the response to the previous question for information regarding how to find date/times of public engagement opportunities as well as how to sign up for notifications. For more about the public engagement opportunities and community participation thus far, see page 7 of the Draft Gateway Area Plan.



## Mack High makes the most of the holiday season

With winter fast approaching, McKinleyville High School has many festive activities.

Our canned food drive has recently finished with the seniors collecting the most food, they collected around 2,500 cans. Students have been very helpful with bringing in food. Senior Angela Shumard says, "I really like how peo-

ple are actually really into it this year with people dropping off bags around neighborhoods and trying to gain as many cans as possible.

"Overall, the outreach to the community has been really good and the whole school is really involved."

At the end of the day, McKinleyville High School collected over 7,000 pounds of food! MHS also



**WINTER EXPRESS With the Lions Club.** PHOTO BY ANGELA SHUMARD

collected the most cans out of all the schools in Humboldt County.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, the junior class held a drive-in movie where they showed the movie *Elf*. Many stu-

dents had fun at this event because it is something fun to do with friends!

The drama class also had their Winter Showcase on Thursday, Dec. 9 and Friday, Dec. 10. The drama students have been working very hard to put it all together, they have even been staying late some nights to practice!

We also had 53 students who helped with the Winter Express, hosted by the Lions Club. They helped kids pick out presents for their loved ones and got to spend time with the community.

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## Here’s hands-on Coco and mellow Monkey

Our benefit for the shelter’s Emergency Medical Fund last Saturday was a great success. Rain and cold weather didn’t stop our dedicated friends from coming out and supporting the animals!

It was certainly a little different with part of the activities outside to maximize social distancing. It was a cold job out there for the raffle ticket sellers!

This is the first year that I can remember that we have had cookies left over at the end of the day.

All the helpers took some home and I was able to drop off a plateful to the nurses at Mad River Hospital!

If you missed the Holiday Fundraiser there are still a few days left for the accompanying on-line auction at [flar.bet-terworld.org/auctions/holiday-fundraiser-2021](https://flar.bet-terworld.org/auctions/holiday-fundraiser-2021).

We had two shelter ambassadors mingling with the visitors.

Our longest resident feline, Monkey, was happy to don a little dog harness and meet the guests.

This senior kitty has been a recipient of the EMF for dental work and is just the sweetest guy! I hope someone who saw him at the event will be coming back to adopt.

If you’re looking for a wonderfully even-tempered cat, come check out Monkey.

We had intended some dog demonstrations for the day but the weather was just too cold and wet. Visit our Humboldt County Animal Shelter Facebook page for some videos of our ace ball-handlers,

Gemma and Zephyr, as they maneuver their big yellow ball around obstacles and juggle it on their noses!

We did have one dog ambassador

greeting the guests as they arrived. One-year-old Coco was happy to relax out front and welcome

everyone to the shelter.

She happily soaked up the attention and all the pets!

Coco is very social and affec-



Monkey

tionate. She is a smaller-sized German Shepherd mix. She was more than happy to be bathed, toweled and brushed in anticipation of her debut. This dog loves to be handled!

Coco met children and adults and was very well-behaved. Her volunteer handler needed to take their child home so she got a car ride also and had no problems with that.

On her way back to her kennel Coco checked out the cats. She was curious about them but did not seem to be showing any aggression towards them. Coco was a little hesitant around other dogs at first, but has since been out walking with some and has made some good friends.

If you would like to meet Monkey or Coco, please call the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment.

## Give snowy plovers beach space

**FRIENDS OF THE DUNES HUMBOLDT** – Western snowy plovers are small, federally threatened birds that live on beaches from Washington all the way to Baja California, Mexico. Here on North Coast beaches, plovers breed from March 1 to September 15.

During the fall and winter, these little birds are focused on staying fed, warm, and safe through the harsh weather. To keep full, plovers forage on invertebrates in the wrack line, the area along the beach where debris are deposited during high tide. To keep sheltered from the wind and cold and disguised from predators, plovers often huddle down in sand depressions or sit behind beach debris or small dunes.

Many threats to shorebirds, snowy plovers included, persist even during the non-breeding season. Disturbance from humans and our canine companions has been shown to reduce feeding rates and body condition in shorebirds. This reduced wintertime foraging success is suspected to impact breeding success. Here’s what you can do to help:

- Do not approach birds.
- Know beach-specific dog rules before you go. If dogs are permitted, follow the leash rules. Never allow your dog(s) to chase birds.
- Do not leave or bury trash or food scraps on the beach. Garbage attracts predators such as



Western snowy plover  
PHOTO BY MIKE BAIRD

gulls, crows, ravens, and skunks. Please dispose of all trash properly and do not inadvertently (or intentionally) feed wildlife.

• If you’re on a beach that allows vehicles, drive “low and slow,” staying on the hard-packed sand below the high tide line where plovers and other shorebirds forage.

• Walk on the wet, hard-packed sand below the wrack line.

• Check and follow beach-specific camping and campfire regulations.

For more information on the western snowy plover, beach rules and regulations, beach access, and a user-friendly dog guide, explore the following links:

[vimeo.com/184161227](https://vimeo.com/184161227)  
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## Therapy dogs return to help students through finals

### HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HUMBOLDT STATE – Exams got you stressed? Dog Therapy is back! Visit the Quad (or SAC West Lounge if it’s raining) on Monday, Dec. 13 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; and the SAC West Lounge on Tuesday, Dec. 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Dogs are good for the body and mind, and for years, Humboldt State University has partnered with Therapy Dogs International to help students through finals week.

Studies have shown that therapy dogs, who are evaluated for a good temperament, can reduce anxiety and depression. In 2005, UCLA researchers

compared anxiety levels of heart failure patients who were visited by two teams – one with dogs and one without. The findings revealed that patients’ anxiety score decreased 24 percent when visited by the group with dogs and 10 percent for those visited by just volunteers. The anxiety score for patients not visited remained the same.

That same year, Kent State University launched a pet therapy program, whose dogs have since visited tens of thousands of students. Today, colleges around the nation, including Humboldt State, have brought dogs on campus during strenuous academic times to help students cope with the stresses of finals.



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# Parking meter no. 53 eats metal, marks onset of cyber-rule

• **Saturday, November 13 7:46 a.m.** A confluence of probably nothings conspired to induce moderate wiggage on I Street. A car near a business’s front door bore the message, “Kyle Rittenhouse is innocent” scrawled on its back window. Meanwhile, a package of dubious provenance had been left against a nearby wall. Suddenly, nothing happened.

**9:26 a.m.** As a man hitchhiked outside a no-budget Valley West motel, a woman driving a black pickup truck pulled over and asked him, “Do you have a gun? Because people are in trouble.” He replied that he didn’t, and she drove away.

**11:24 a.m.** As a man sat in his car on Villa Way, someone driving a red truck pulled up and asked him where Casey was.

• **Monday, November 15 12:42 p.m.** In Plaza’s now-statueless center A cowboy-hat music presenter Strummed gee-tar and wailed Till cop-folk were hailed To tamp down the twangy tormenter

**2:44 p.m.** A car was rear-ended by a bicyclist at Bayview Street and Fickle Hill Road when it stopped for something both invisible and unknown to the average bike-rider – a stop sign. Baffled and enraged by the observance of traffic safety laws, the 30- to 40-year-old biker went fully shrieky, lashing the driver and their 90-year-old passenger with all manner of verbal abuse and unearned mockery. Since no one was injured and there was no damage to the auto, and with hurt feeling-healing hugs seemingly not in the offing, the driver left the snitty cyclist to his top-volume tantrum.

**4:43 p.m.** Not waiting around for SkyNet to come online, parking meter no. 53 is going its own way, keeping the change and giving parkers zero credit for coins deposited.

• **Wednesday, November 17 4:57 p.m.** A man sauntered out the door of a Plaza bar with two vodka and grapefruit juice drinks, neither paid for. He was described as wearing a black sweatshirt with light writing, blue jeans and carrying two vodka and grapefruit juices.

**5:18 p.m.** Roommate relations soured a bit when one put a hole in a cohabitant’s air bed and stole her keys.

**6:34 p.m.** It wasn’t until after a man was invited to stay as a houseguest that his potential for sexual harassment was fully understood, if not appreciated.

• **Thursday, November 18 9:18 a.m.** A man’s dog was among the first to be puzzled by his master’s morning project – standing in a gully off 12th Street throwing objects at a tree.

• **Friday, November 19 7:22 p.m.** Occupants of a tent camp populated by six or so people on an H Street walking trail responded to requests to move off of the path via an emissary equipped with a metal pipe, who chased the interloper away. So that’d be a no.

**7:36 p.m.** A man with a tent set up near an old creamery on L Street spouted obscenities in volcanic fashion until moved along.

**9:59 p.m.** As animated as he

was unhappy, a man outside an H Street tavern pelted passing cars with whatever was available while loudly reciting whichever bad words his 400-grunt vocabulary made available in the moment.

• **Saturday, November 20 12:56 a.m.** A woman threw herself atop a man on the Arcata Peace Plaza to stop others there from kicking him in the head. Continuing the cranial-insult theme, she awaited police arrival outside a bar whose walls are populated by refurbished animal heads.

**10:10 a.m.** A cell phone wielded by a passerby acted as a sort of remote control on a man sitting in the intersection at busy Seventh and H streets. When he saw the person finger-stabbing at their device to summon police, the prospect of dealing with uniformed government representatives motivated him to move to the roadside.

**12:55 p.m.** With intersection blocking now trending, a woozy, bedreadlocked man in the midst of Ninth and H streets shed his garments and their gravitational burden in a bold gambit to remain vertical. When he was down to his pants, an alarmed witness called police. Officers came and arrested his drunken self.

• **Monday, November 22 8:45 a.m.** A North Quarter Circle resident found a “magazine cut out” of an eye in her mailbox, and noticed that things in her shed had been moved around.

**10:53 a.m.** A lurkabout out back

of an East 16th Street church shat out his response to a request to leave the area. At the same time, he had been commanded to go, and maybe just took that too literally. His next movement was along.

**5:54 p.m.** If you won’t serve me, responded a pickled patron at a Plaza liquor store using state-of-the-art drunk-person logic, I’ll refuse to leave, stay here, waste everyone’s time and accomplish absolutely nothing. Well, one thing – getting arrested.

• **Tuesday, November 23 1:15 p.m.** Another intersection squatter let his tweak flag fly at 11th and G streets. He was drunk, and arrested.

• **Wednesday, November 24 4 p.m.** A gray Mazda tried to run her and her grandchildren off the road, with the road warrior barking at her, “Learn how to drive!” but not offering much to work with in terms of behavior modeling – yet. As the grandma was on the phone to police, the road ragger humbly re-approached her and apologized for the inappropriate aggressivity. At this, she canceled her call for service.

**7:17 p.m.** Two men and a woman on G Street told a passerby they were “burning birds” there. No flaming avians were observed, however, there was a pile of ash.

**8:44–11:41 p.m.** A slump of sitabouts three to four in number camped in a G Street restaurant’s parking lot after contriving what meager fun they could from whatever was available there. That afternoon, they’d extracted major jollies from setting fire to a bucket of something out front, and were moved along. Indignant

at the proprietor’s fresh request that they leave, a woman from among the camping party yelled at him through the through the door. Her lust for vengeance unsatisfied, she then hurled his expired Halloween pumpkins in the street, to teach the restaurateur a lesson he won’t soon forget.

• **Saturday, November 27 7:38 p.m.** A woman dropped her credit card while riding her bike from Sunny Brae to Valley West, and it was swiftly snapped up by an unknown opportunivore/selfish bastard who wasted no time using the magic plastic at a gas station, burger stand and retail business.

**9:39 p.m.** A California Avenue home, left unattended for four days, was thoroughly burgled, with muddy hand and footprints left behind.

**11:54 p.m.** Late-night guitar was aborning Threat’ning to go into morning To wreck F Street’s peace But soon the police Had muted the tunes with a warning

• **Sunday, November 28 5:59 p.m.** In the thick of an argument, a Bayside Road resident blasted her roommate with an air horn. This marked a temporary end to their dispute, with the blaster locked out of their apartment. Exiled to a nearby restaurant, she called police to help with the (in) civil dispute.

**10:55–11:43 p.m.** Just up the street, prolonged argument-type noises emanated from two apartment-dwelling menfolk’s home, including exclamations of “stop hitting me!” Yes, stop hitting him.

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ongoing, targeted approach to limiting the misinformation,” she said. “It is completely unacceptable and is allowing people to get harmed and damaged in the process.”

After the public comment, Supervisor Mike Wilson related some personal experience. He said a 45-year-old friend’s recent death was “related to COVID” and “he was very misinformed about vaccines and I believe that if he had been vaccinated, he’d be alive today,” Wilson said. “And there are many others – there are many others in this community, we know them.”

He added, “I very much emphasize with the doctor that was commenting today with relationship to this as venue for misinformation and I think that we should be accountable in that regard.”

But Supervisor Rex Bohn said describing the public comment podium as a venue for misinformation is “a pretty bold statement” and he cautioned against trying to downplay people who are “pretty passionate about how they feel.”

He suggested that public health officials themselves lack knowledge.

“This is a moving target and we don’t know,” he said. “And to say ‘we know’ is so wrong.”

Bohn added that he recently had a “wonderful talk” with a doctor who’s been practicing locally for decades and “he had a completely different view than our health professionals have and he’s earned that right for me to listen to him.”

He described the so-called misinformation as “the people’s information.”

Wilson described Bohn’s comments as “reasonable” but added, “We need to make sure that we’re giving responsible response.”

There was more discussion about the meeting’s public comment during a Dec. 8 virtual news conference.

Asked how county health officials are

combating misinformed public comment, Public Health Director Sofia Pereira said the county’s Joint Information Center fields calls at (707) 441-5000.

“If folks have questions we have real live people who will answer your phone call and answer your questions about COVID and get you to the best information that we have available,” she continued.

She added that “the systems that have created the division that we are seeing globally, across our country and locally is much bigger than public health can solve alone” and “it’s going to take all of us” to share reliable information and “build bridges with each other.”

County Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman described the public comment as “striking” in its errors and he countered claims that COVID-19 isn’t a public health emergency.

He said there were 19 people in the hospital with COVID-19 on the day of the news conference and last summer the daily number peaked at 40, with the average length of a hospital stay being 28 days.

“If you follow the right numbers you’ll see that this is devastating and if you have any questions, just talk to anyone that works at a hospital because they are living through literal hell right now,” Hoffman continued.

In the week between Dec. 4 and Dec. 10, the county confirmed 167 more COVID-19 cases. There were eight more hospitalizations and one more death, of a resident in their 70s.

A new Variant of Concern called Omicron is quickly emerging and as of press time, it had been detected in 25 U.S. states, 14 more than the previous week.

Omicron is in California and Hoffman said it’s “certainly a question of when, not if it reaches our county.”

At the end of last week, 61 percent of the county’s population was fully vaccinated, up a percentage point from the previous week.

## County looks to pre-approve duplex plans

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
HUMBOLDT – The Planning & Building Department – Long Range Planning Division is looking

for architects and designers interested in having their duplex plans pre-approved and featured on the County Planning and Building web-

site. Provide a set of duplex plans to the Long-Range Planning Division and, if selected, you’ll receive a plan check free of charge and will be featured on the Planning and Building website. The deadline to submit your architectural plans is Wednesday, Dec. 22.

In exchange for the covered cost of pre-approval, designers and architects are expected to reduce the cost of their services by the value of the pre-approval, passing along the benefit to the public. To see an example of the model that the Planning Department aims to emulate, go to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety website.

[khilton@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:khilton@co.humboldt.ca.us), (707) 268-3722.

## OBITUARY

### Dr. William Forbes Murison January 26, 1927 - November 29, 2021

On November 29th, two months shy of his 95th birthday, Bill Murison passed away peacefully at Sequoia Springs in Fortuna with his beloved wife of 70 years, Eve, by his side. Bill was born January 26, 1927 in Glasgow, Scotland to parents Jean Black Swan, a seamstress, and Forbes Murison, an architect.



After serving in the Royal Navy for two years, Bill started his college education in 1947 at Edinburgh University.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Forestry in 1951 from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada then returned to Scotland to marry Ailsa “Eve” Cameron. They were wed in Saint Andrews on September 29, 1951 and within a few weeks they said farewell to family and friends to start their new life in British Columbia.

Bill greatly valued education and went on to further his studies receiving a scholarship to Harvard University where he obtained his Masters in Forestry in 1956. He then returned to the University of British Columbia and completed his Ph.D in 1960.

Over the course of his lifetime Bill lived many places, always believing that relocating provided an opportunity to learn about a new area and opened the door to new friendships.

Bill worked as a Forester in Nakusp, British Columbia, a small town that was

always near and dear to his heart. He worked as a biologist for Harvard University, held the positions of Professor of Forestry, Dean of Public Services, and Dean of Continuing Education at Humboldt State University.

He served as President of Selkirk College in Castlegar, British Columbia, Associate Vice President of Cal State University Fullerton, and Director of the Los Angeles Basin Educational Liaison. It was Humboldt County however, where Bill spent the majority of his life and where he chose to retire.

He loved Humboldt County, the environment and the people. He enjoyed the challenges and opportunities of his work with the community. In the 1970s and 80s he had a hand in establishing community programs such as the Open Door Clinic, United Indian Health Services, and was involved with organizations such as the United Way, The Humboldt Library Board and Foundation, the Boy Scouts of America, the First Presbyterian Church of Eureka, the First Presbyterian Church of Blue Lake, the North Coast Scottish Society, the Arcata Chamber of Commerce, and the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce to name a few.

Bill gave generously of his time and talents volunteering for many organizations in the area.

Bill Murison had a zest for life. He loved his family and friends, the outdoors, and he was fascinated by nature. He loved learning and educating people, loved a good conversation and a good glass of scotch.

He enjoyed writing, reading, stamp collecting, walking, hiking, and classical music. He was a man of faith who was always quick with a smile and a kind word.

The true joys of Bill’s

life were Eve and their children; John, Graeme, Gavin, and Lisa.

He was proud of their accomplishments and blessed by their care in his later years. They, in turn, were blessed by his love, wisdom, friendship, guidance, and the example he set as a constant source of joy, positivity, and humility.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Eve, sons John Murison, Graeme Murison (Lily), Gavin Murison (Beth), and daughter Lisa Glasheen. Grandchildren Sam Murison, Colten Walters (Andrea), Casey Kacsmayrk (Kurtis), Kelly Goodell (Mike), Max Glasheen, Megan Donaldson (Justin), and Brenna Keegal (Denzil).

Great-grandchildren Shelby, Nathan, and Sierra Walters, Tyler Glasheen, and Lacey, Avia, and Ronen Donaldson.



Also, Bill’s sister Anne Russell of Australia. Bill was preceded in death by his son-in-law John Glasheen.

The family would like to thank Sequoia Springs and Hospice of Humboldt for their love and care.

In lieu of flowers the family invites you to contribute to the HSU Foundation, [giving.humboldt.edu](http://giving.humboldt.edu), Hospice of Humboldt, [hospiceofhumboldt.org](http://hospiceofhumboldt.org) or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research [michaeljfox.org](http://michaeljfox.org).



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### SANTA'S FIRE TRUCK PARADE

**YULETIDE PROCESSION** December 11th's weather wasn't ideal for the Arcata Fire District's open vintage fire truck, but they have others, and so Santa, the Snow Queen, a long-haired elf, three vintage autos and their entourage toured Arcata. Starting with two loops around the Farmers Market on the Plaza, the parade then sped at a vintage pace to the shopping centers of Westwood, Valley West, Sunny Brae, Uniontown and ending up again at the Plaza, thrilling onlookers along the way. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



### REDWOOD RAKS RIBBON CUTTING

**WITH APPRECIATION** Redwood Raks (pronounced "rocks"), located in Arcata's Creamery District, was started by Shoshanna in 2008, and has now, as the Redwood Raks Collective, become a nonprofit enterprise. The Arcata Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting Dec. 11 to celebrate Redwood Raks' re-entry into the chamber, [redwoodraks.com](http://redwoodraks.com) MATT FILAR | UNION



## Don't let your greasy holiday clog city arteries

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA— The Environmental Services Department encourages residents to properly dispose of cooking grease this holiday season and all year long.  
Many people celebrate the holidays by preparing traditional feasts including turkey, ham, brisket, gravy, stuffing and desserts. As delicious as these foods may be, they are prepared with fats, oils, butter and grease which can wreak havoc on drains and the city's wastewater system if not disposed of properly.  
When residents pour fats, oils or grease down a sink or toilet, it increases the chances for clogged drains resulting in costly plumbing problems or sanitary sewer overflows. Sanitary sewer overflows are when sewer pipes release raw sewage. The release of raw sewage is a public health concern that can cause serious environmental issues and property damage.  
The proper disposal of fats, oils and grease will help residents avoid many plumbing and sewer problems, and the Environmental Services Department has some helpful tips for community members to help avoid clogging sewer drains:  
• Always avoid pouring cooking grease down the sink or toilet.  
• Do not place food that contains fat, oil and grease into the garbage disposal.  
• Wipe greasy dishes

and pots with a cloth, paper towel or napkin to absorb cooking oil before washing them in the sink.  
• Scrape vegetable scraps from dishes for composting, and scrape greasy food residue into the garbage can prior to washing dishes in the sink.  
• Cooled and solidified cooking grease or oil should be placed in a sealed container, stored in the freezer until it has hardened, and thrown in the solid waste garbage bin. Alternatively, pour fats and oils into cat litter until it is absorbed and dispose of the litter into the trash.  
• Large amounts of fats and grease can be disposed of at the Humboldt Waste Management Authority's Household Hazardous Waste collection facility, located at 1059 West Hawthorne St. in Eureka.  
They are open for residential disposals Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
They are also open by appointment for all local businesses. Please note that all COVID-19 protocols must be followed when visiting this facility.  
To report sanitary sewer overflows and for more information regarding fat, oil and grease disposal and proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, please contact the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184 or email [eservices@cityofarcata.org](mailto:eservices@cityofarcata.org).



**SANTA SETS SAIL** The seaside village of Trinidad held Santa Claus's Lighted Boat Parade Sunday, Dec. 12. The parade, serenaded by Bandemonium, was followed by Santa's Soup and Salad Supper at Trinidad Town Hall. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



### SANTA'S LIGHTED BOAT PARADE



### UNIONTOWN RE-ENVISIONED

**CONCEPTUAL HOUSING** The Uniontown Shopping Center in downtown Arcata, home of Safeway, CVS and a host of smaller shops, is one several "Opportunity Zones" considered further developable to address the housing shortage. In May of 2020, the Uniontown Revisioning Project was created and published by students of the HSU Planning Practicum in cooperation with the City of Arcata. Its purpose is to explore possibilities to redefine the '60s-designed, seven-acre strip mall into "a mixed-use space that promotes a progressive Arcata." Above, Safeway with added floors of housing. Above right, CVS and right, the mini-strip mall on the shopping center's northwest side. While thought-provoking, the student learning exercise is just a "pretend planning document with no basis in reality," said Community Development Director David Loya. VIA HSU PLANNING PRACTICUM





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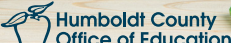


**A message to families about**  
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**Enrollment for the 2022-2023**  
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If you are unsure of your district of residence, visit [hcoe.org/district-locator](http://hcoe.org/district-locator).





# SCENE



**SOLDIERS** Front row, Syona Gonzalez as a Captain. Standing, Sophia Zwald, Emilia Prim, Sophia Acorn, Lily Schuler and Norah Souza. PHOTOS BY CARRIE BADEAUX

## The Nutcracker comes to Van Duzer

### SUNDANCE BALLET COMPANY

ARCATA – The Sundance Ballet Company presents Pyotr Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Van Duzer Theatre in Arcata.

Let your holiday spirit soar with this traditional family-friendly ballet. Adventure awaits as Clara and her Nutcracker Prince battle the Ret King and embark on a journey through the Land of Sweets with the Sugar Plum Fairy. Led by Sundance Ballet Company's own Carrie Badeaux and the magnificent dancers from Humboldt County's semi-professional ballet company, this joyous classic provides cherished memories for years to come.

The dancers of the Dance Scene Studio compliment the cast of guest and company dancers for a show of seventy performers. This production is the only full traditional Nutcracker Ballet on the North Coast and is enthusiastically enjoyed by audiences every year. The Sugar Plum Fairy will be danced by guest artist Nicole Enders and her Cavalier will be danced by Josiah Moran, both from the Redding area.

Artistic Director, Carrie Badeaux said, "I am so happy to have this grand-scale *Nutcracker* production for our community and dancers. I've grown up dancing and staging the show and it really signifies the holidays for me as well as for so many of our dancers and audience members."

Young aspiring dancer, Ella Ranario, will dance the role of Clara and Katie Kitchen will dance the role of the Snow Queen. Katie reflected on her dance path up to now and said, "The very first time I saw the Nutcracker was when I was five years old and it was on the Van Duzer stage, where I'll be performing. I remember thinking how magical all of the dancers looked on stage. It was the snow scene that made me fall in love with *The Nutcracker*."



**CHRISTMAS CLASSIC** Ella Ranario as Clara. PHOTO BY CARISSA RANARIO

er. Now, to be dancing the Snow Queen is a dream come true and something that I greatly cherish."

Despite last year's restrictions, the company maintained the Nutcracker tradition by filming two days of special performances and then shared it for audiences to enjoy from home.

New theatrical props will grace the stage as well, with Drosselmeyer's unique mechanical clock shop opening the show. Extra theatrics will help maintain the theater magic, as all performers will dance wearing masks. Audience members will be masked too and will show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours prior to admission.

Advance tickets for the performance are \$15 for children ages 12 and under or \$20 for adults. At the door ticket process are \$20 for children and \$25 for adults. Tickets may be purchased online at [DanceEureka.com](http://DanceEureka.com), at Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata, or at The Dance Scene Studio.



**REMEMBERING RICK** Left, Rick Tolley paints in his garden in a painting by Paul Rockard. Right, "Poppie Beach" by Rick Tolley. SUBMITTED IMAGES



## Celebrating the life of artist Rick Tolley

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLEIN AIR PAINTERS

Stock Schlueter, Paul Rickard, Toni Magyar and Terra Tolley will host a show at the Upstairs Gallery at 208 C St., Eureka titled "Rick Tolley Memorial Retrospective with the Plein Air Community."

Opening night will be Saturday, Jan. 1 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Part of all sale proceeds from the show will go towards the completion of a handicapped accessible mother-in-law unit and to support the medical bills of his grandchild.

During Rick's prolonged illness, he worked diligently to complete the home for his wife, Melanie Tolley. His wishes were that his friends might support this goal with a fundraiser art show.



**PLEIN AIR** Rick Tolley in Kneeland. PHOTO BY ANDREW DANIEL

His passing is mourned by the plein air community, which wishes to give back for his friendship and mentorship.

Rick's contributions included leadership in fundraising for environmental causes including the Native Plant Society, Smith River Alliance, Mid Klamath Watershed Council, California Wild Heritage Campaign and the Northcoast Environmental Center.

He organized shows in support of the "Wilderness and Her Rivers" which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act and "The Siskiyou 30th Anniversary Show."

Rick also organized plein-air events, retreats, and gallery shows, and taught his love of art to students of all ages. Rick Tolley passed on Oct. 5.

The Humboldt County Plein Painters invite the community to celebrate his life and art. This is one of the last chances to buy his paintings.

Thirty of his fellow artists and friends will contribute and show work on New Year's Day!

## Artists' Challenge Show at Ink People for the Arts

### INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

EUREKA – Ink People Center for the Arts presents "Artists' Challenge 2021," a community art exhibition at the Brenda Tuxford Gallery, on view through Dec. 18.

This exhibition represents a double "first:" it's the first exhibition to be mounted in physical space at the gallery's new location at 627 Third St. in Eureka, and also the first Ink People exhibition available for viewers to experience by appointment since the COVID-19 shutdown.

In October the Ink People issued an artists' challenge online and on social media: create 15 original works of art during the month of November, then exhibit them at the Brenda Tuxford Gallery during December.

The pressure was on, but no fewer than

23 area artists rose to the challenge: Robot Adams, Haili Asbury, Ami Campbell, Joseph Carter, Roxanne Darby, Mairead Dodd, Jenny Downs, Soni Epperson, Julie E. Hodge, Kjerstine Jennings, Laura Keenados, Devany Klein, Reuben T. Mayes, KC McLean, October Minty, Vivian Mithell, Lydia Morris, Mia Page, Patricia Sennot, Monica Topping, Tess Yinger, Wendy White and James F. Woglum.

Exhibition artworks range from photorealistic portraits to graphic posters to colorful illustrations, and from luminous abstract paintings to whimsical ceramic mugs. Prices are set by size: 3 inch by 5 inch, \$24 each; 5 inch by 7 inch, \$45 each; 8 inch by 10 inch, \$60 each; 11 inch by 14 inch, \$75 each.

[inkpeople.org/tuxfordgallery](http://inkpeople.org/tuxfordgallery)

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**ARTISAN MARKET** A1AA and CUNA present the 2021 Winter Arts and Artisan Market on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Red Roof Inn, 4975 Valley West Blvd. in Arcata. This event features local food vendors, performers and entertainment. A mobile vaccine clinic will be present with A1AA giving out \$50 Renner Gas gift cards to anyone 60 years or older or caregivers of someone who is 60 years or older who get their vaccination onsite. Individuals vaccinated after Dec. 1 may also be eligible for the Renner Gas gift card; proof of vaccination must be provided. For additional information contact [mgallager@a1aa.org](mailto:mgallager@a1aa.org) or (707) 442-3763 ext 209.

**AFTERNOON OF JAZZ** Come visit the Morris Graves Museum of Art, at 636 F St. in Eureka for an afternoon of great music on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. Nice 'n Easy will perform jazz standards from the Frank Sinatra/Tony

Bennett song books as well as some holiday favorites in those styles. Nice 'n Easy consists of Brigitte Marie Terry, vocals and percussion; Albert Clark, piano and vocal; Bear Winkle, bass; and Bill Moehnke, drums and vocals.

**CR LITERARY MAGAZINE** *The Seven Gill Shark Review*, College of the Redwoods' literary magazine, is currently accepting submissions of original poetry, fiction and non-fiction from Humboldt County community members, as well as staff, faculty and students at the CR Eureka campus. The submission period is currently open through 11:59 p.m. on March 11, 2022. Poetry submissions may consist of up to four pieces of work, limited to three pages in length. Short stories are limited to 2,000 words, essays are limited to 2,500 words, double-spaced, and you may submit up to two short stories or essays. Entries should be emailed to [jonathan-maiullo@redwoods.edu](mailto:jonathan-maiullo@redwoods.edu), and sent as an attachment. For details about the publication and submission guidelines please visit [redwoods.edu/events/poetswriters](http://redwoods.edu/events/poetswriters) and click "Submit Your Fiction or Prose."

**JAZZ ON THE PLAZA** The College of the Redwood Jazz Band will perform on the Arcata Plaza Sunday, Dec. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m.

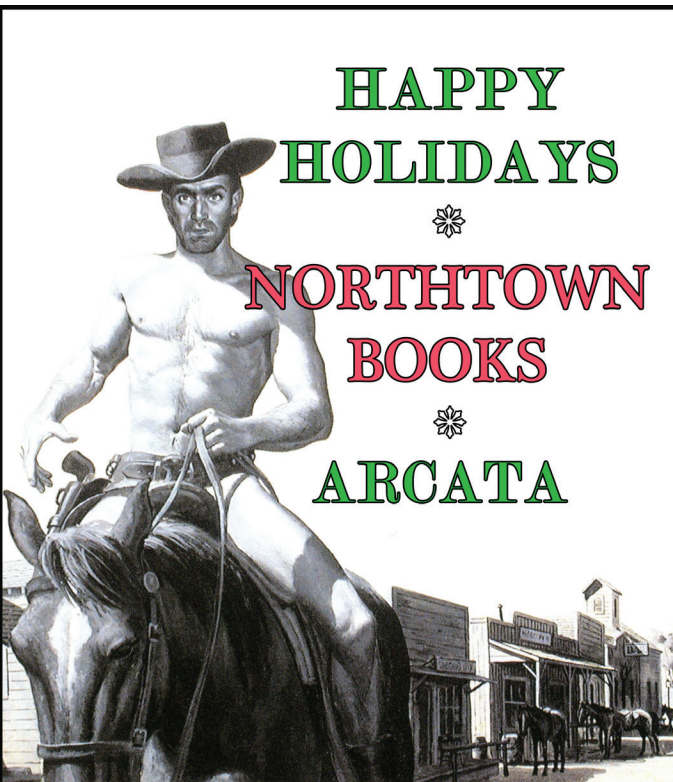
**DANCE PARTY** The Arcata Playhouse will hold a dance party on Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. featuring the band Home Cookin'. Visit [arcata-playhouse.org](http://arcata-playhouse.org) for details.

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OBITUARY

Marianne Pennekamp

Marianne Pennekamp died at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 3, 2021, in her little beloved home in Freshwater, California. She heard the hand-pulled brass school bell call the children to Garfield School for the last time that morning. Her life ended in the community she loved and lived in with joy, partially because it reminded her of her childhood in southern Germany before the Nazi terror.

Born in Karlsruhe, Germany in 1924, to parents Jules and Lilly (nee Loewenthal) Hockenheimer, Marianne lived a full and giving 97 years. Her younger brother Ralph, now 96, and recent inductee into the French Legion of Honor as Chevalier, pays tribute to their parents in his autobiographical book, *Freedom is Not Free*: ... “to my late parents... who bore the brunt of the terror of the Nazi years: my father, who went through jail and internment camps because he was a refugee and enemy alien in France; my mother who kept the family together regardless of the adversity of immigration and the War.”

Of the early years in Germany, Marianne always remembered the kindness around her. Her stories were of aunts who took her skiing or collecting wild strawberries in the Black Forest, and the German school teacher who took her aside to explain why she could not and should not want to carry the flag with the Swastika. The schoolteacher did all he could to protect the Jewish students.

As refugees in Marseille, the landlord stopped charging the family rent without saying a word during the years after her father, Jules, was imprisoned. There were many similar incidents after the defeat of France by Nazi Germany in 1940 and the family escape a year later, in 1941. Marianne was one of the top students in the girls’ school in Marseille. Education was her anchor and liberation during the difficult years when, among other things, hunger was frequent and the future dark. The rescue story is complex, however with the unbelievable assistance of the American Friends Service Committee (The Quakers) and Hiram Bingham, US Consul in Marseille, Marianne, and her family escaped France and were able to emigrate to America.

On May 14, 1941, Marianne turned 17 in the harbor of Casablanca on the fabled refugee ship, the S.S. Winnipeg. Flying the Vichy France flag, the Winnipeg was hijacked off the coast of Venezuela by the Free Dutch Navy in the mistaken belief that the Winnipeg transported “the enemy”. The family arriving in the British colony of Trinidad, now penniless, was sent money from family in the USA for passage on an ocean liner to NY. A film of that period, “Marianne: One Immigrants Journey”, by filmmakers Amy Uyeki and Joy Hardin is available online at Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/267052113>. Password: Marianne.

In 1941 in New York, Marianne met Alfred

“Henk” Pennekamp, a fellow refugee whose assumed name “Henk de Vries” was forged on passport and visa documents during his time with the German resistance in Holland. Despite a “mixed marriage”, Marianne Jewish and Henk raised Catholic, he 19 years



her senior, he from a proud working-class unionist family and she from a middle-class business household, there was a deep sharing of human values and love for the old country, despite Hitler. They were united in their passion for democracy and horror of authoritarianism, whether fascist or communist. Theirs was a strong marriage. Marianne insisted on equality in all things, and Henk was a socialist who embraced equality as a way of life, first and foremost with his wife. No one was as proud or less threatened with her achievements than Henk, whose formal education ended in the eighth grade. They moved to Berkeley, California in 1945 for Marianne to attend graduate school at UC Berkeley. Marianne and Henk’s first child, Lynne, was born in October 1945. Shortly thereafter, the family moved back to bombed out France and Germany to find family and friends, returning to Oakland and Berkeley in 1950. Marianne described living in Europe immediately post war as the hardest years of her life.

Back at Berkeley, Marianne finished her MSW degree and began working at the Lincoln Child Care Center for special needs children. She and Henk had their second child, Peter, in 1952. Marianne moved to the Oakland Public Schools in 1956 as school social worker, where she worked for over 20 years while also receiving her PhD in School Social Work from UC Berkeley. She subsequently taught there. Marianne had been recruited by Janet McLeod of the Oakland Public Schools to join a group of powerful women working to empower children, parents, and communities, considered an environmental as opposed to case work approach to child guidance. This involved community organizing and school advocacy and daily confrontation with racism.

Janet McLeod, Mary Alice Sarvis MD, Betty Davis Morrison, Bell Rainer and Helen Ausenbaum were among her close collaborators. She and Dr. Mary Sarvis coauthored the groundbreaking book, *Collaboration in School Guidance* published in 1970. Marianne authored and coauthored many more professional papers, and a second book, *Social Work Practice: Toward a Child, Family, School, Community Perspective*, with coauthor Edith M. Freeman.

The family had close ties to the Quakers since the rescue of Marianne’s family from Europe. In 1964, on the way to visit Argentina Friends School in British Columbia where she had recently graduated from High School, daughter Lynne was killed in a car crash. The loss of Lynne, after so much loss as refugees, was terrible for the family and proved almost

fatal for Henk who suffered a series of major heart attacks and depression.

In 1981, upon the birth of Paul, their first grandchild, Marianne and Henk moved to Humboldt County in Northern California to be close to their son Peter and family. Marianne fell in love with Humboldt, and contrary to family expectations that she would return to Berkeley when Henk died in January 1984, she stayed on, teaching in several departments at Humboldt State University, and volunteering with public schools, juvenile justice, and mental health services. She served on the Humboldt County Juvenile Justice Commission, the Behavioral Health Board, and served as board member and/or supported several NGO’s such as NAMI and the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation. She was particularly committed to and instrumental in developing the Humboldt County Healthy Start Program, including at the state policy development level.

The day before and the morning of her death, Marianne spent time with her amazing caring and loving friends and neighbors, Annie Bolick-Floss and James Floss, Greg Colyar and Ute Ueker, her loving caregiver and relative, Rehema Tinkemanyira, her friend and caregiver, Pam Armstrong, her daughter-of-the-heart, Marcy Foster, and her daughter-in-law, Denise Vanden Bos, and son, Peter Pennekamp. Her long-time extended family members, Tim and Penelope Haskett and Bruce and Leslie Silvey visited the day before. Special thanks to her friend, Michael Fratkin, M.D. who helped her and her son, Peter, prepare for the end of her life with acceptance and shared compassion.

Marianne was particularly proud of her grandsons’ Paul Pennekamp and partner Danielle, and Sean Pennekamp and wife Fatmah and their families. She utterly adored her great-grandchildren, Micah, Juniper, and Adam. She had a very special connection with her “two peas in a pod” granddaughter-in-law, Fatmah, Sean’s wife from Uganda, who like Marianne is an immigrant raised under the threat of war. Her other survivors were immensely important to her: nephew Cliff and wife Julie Hockley, their children Ellen and Lilly and their families; niece Denise Hockley and her daughter Jess; niece Crystal Gottfried; great nephews Joachim and Michael Wiprecht and their families.

It is impossible to list all the important people in Marianne’s life, and the family hopes for their understanding. Marianne’s dear friend, Sue Y. Lee Mossman, helped with this writing.

There will be a future service to remember Marianne’s life and her contributions, hopefully this winter 2022, Covid willing. If you wish to make donations in Marianne’s memory, she had a deep devotion to organizations that help refugees; the American Friends Service Committee, Amnesty International, the International Rescue Committee, and Save the Children. She had deep connections to the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and Temple Beth-El. We encourage donations to them, or any organization that serves children and families.

OBITUARY

Marilyn Elizabeth Lytle

April 4, 1941 - Nov. 26, 2021  
Daughter of Bernard James and Mary Jean Lytle



Love of God motivated Marilyn to pursue a life of service. Her volunteer spirit led to an invitation to join the 43rd class of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead.

In 1967 she gladly accepted a missionary assignment to Bolivia. Marilyn poured herself entirely into missionary life. She believed a person can learn to be peaceful, joyful and happy by drawing close to God.

She wanted all people to know that God cares for them individually. (1Peter 5:7) Her zeal for Jehovah led many to develop a meaningful relationship with their Creator.

Marilyn married Eduardo Navarro Zarate on March 29, 1969. They had two children, Lilyán and Samuel. They remained together in missionary work until illness prevented further service.

Most Humboldt County residents know Marilyn as a dedicated advocate for her daughter. She showed the same spirit of self-sacrifice in caring for Lilyán as she showed as a missionary.

Physicians responded to her compassionate care by going the extra mile in helping Lilyán enjoy a full life. We sincerely thank all the friends, aids, nurses and professionals who helped mom care for Lilyán. A special thank you goes out to Dr. Leo Leer, Dr. Luther Cobb and John Allen. You held Mom’s unreserved trust.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, December 18th, at 2 p.m.

Zoom ID: 842 0418 6289  
Password: Lytle

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00785

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**AKEBIA SOL**  
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TRINIDAD, CA 95570  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
CLAIR S. MILLER  
968 KINGDOM ROAD  
TRINIDAD, CA 95570

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**ANNIE’S SHOES**  
3005 F STREET  
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CHRISTINA M. ROSS-SILVA  
3504 COTTAGE ST.  
EUREKA, CA 95503

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**S/CHRISTINA ROSS-SILVA**  
**OWNER**  
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BLUE LAKE, CA 95525  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
DARCEY L. LIMA  
275 CHARTIN ROAD

BLUE LAKE, CA 95525

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

**S/DARCEY LIMA**  
**OPERATOR**  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00760

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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ARCATA, CA 95521  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
FUN FACTORY SURF LLC  
CA 202121110069  
939 8TH ST.  
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

**S/MARC TEPE**  
**OFFICER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 23, 2021  
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JC DEPUTY CLERK  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00738

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**GOOD NEIGHBOR HANDYMAN SERVICE**  
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MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
KEVIN L. PATTON  
1945 JUNIPER AVE.  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
KELLEY L. PATTON  
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**S/KEVIN L. PATTON**  
**OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County

Clerk on NOV. 11, 2021  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CON D. DALY

**CASE NO.: PR2100325**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

**CON D. DALY**

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by THERESA DALY in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: THERESA DALY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**

Date: DEC. 16, 2021  
Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 6  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes**

**and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

WILLIAM G. BERTAIN  
1310 SIXTH ST.  
EUREKA, CA 95501  
(707) 443-5078  
12/1, 12/8, 12/15

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The McKinleyville Community Services District has completed an Initial Study (IS) and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for a proposed new 4.5 Million Gallon water storage reservoir at the District’s existing Cochran Road water storage tank site. The new reservoir will increase distribution system resiliency in the event of seismic and other emergency events. The IS/MND is available for review on the District’s website at [www.mckinleyvillecsd.com](http://www.mckinleyvillecsd.com) or upon request from the District, 1656 Sutter Road, CA, (707) 839-3251. Written comments are due to [pkaspari@mckinleyvillecsd.com](mailto:pkaspari@mckinleyvillecsd.com)

lecsd.com or the District office at the address listed above by 5:00 p.m. January 10, 2022. The District Board may adopt the IS/MND on or after February 2, 2022.  
12/15

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOAQUIN TALAVERA LICEA

**CASE NO.: PR2100336**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

**JOAQUIN TALAVERA LICEA**

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by MA. LETICIA TALAVERA PINEDA and HILDA TALAVERA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MA. LETICIA TALAVERA PINEDA and HILDA TALAVERA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the

personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**

Date: JAN. 13, 2022  
Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 6  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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PETITIONER  
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The Arcata Fire Family would like to thank the following local businesses who continue to participate each year, as well as several new businesses:

Blondie’s Hair Salon, Coast Central Credit Union Valley West and Arcata, CVS – Arcata, Ken’s Auto Parts, Little Learners Preschool, Lube Central, Murphy’s Market – Sunny Brae, and Westwood, Napa Auto

Parts – Valley West, NorCal Tattoo, Redwood Capital Bank – Arcata, Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise, Sequoia Gas – Valley West, Tractor Supply – Arcata, Trim Scene Barbershop, Umpqua Bank – Arcata, and Wells Fargo Bank – Arcata, FleetPride, Wildberries Marketplace, Compass Community Credit Union – Arcata and Eureka, Fit NorCal, Bigfoot Taproom, Herb & Market Humboldt, Edward Jones – Arcata, Tracy Day State Farm, The Parlour, Baywood Golf & Country Club, Northern Redwood Federal Credit Union – Valley West and Eureka, The Fireplace, Humboldt Farms.

This year’s collection will help the children of our community that are in need, to get a toy for Christmas. The Arcata Fire Family has collaborated with the U.S. Marine Corp League for the last 20 years and are thrilled with the outpouring of support that we have received throughout the years.

The local impact of Toys for Tots has helped support nearly 9,000 children, with more than 29,000 toys distributed through the Marine Corp League during 2020’s holiday season

Thank you for making this year’s toy drive a success by providing hope and love to so many in our local community.

## School enrollment underway

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HUMBOLDT — Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year has begun! For those interested in obtaining an interdistrict transfer, please contact your child’s district of residence to begin the process. This process is for both new and renewal requests. Check with the office of your district of residence for the deadline to submit forms.

“This is an important process for parents who wish to enroll their children in a school outside the district of residence, and timely submission of requests provide schools reasonable enrollment predictability,” states Michael Davies-Hughes, superintendent of Humboldt County schools. “We have outstanding programs at schools throughout Humboldt County, and I encourage families to learn more about them as they make enrollment decisions for their children.”

[hcoe.org/inter-district](http://hcoe.org/inter-district)

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